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Dear Gloria Whelan,

Thank you very much for writing your book, Homeless Bird. I admire you for that. While I was reading your book, my heart opened up to see how fragile peoples' lives can be. I guess what I'm trying to say is that when someone dies, I might not feel enough pain to cry, but other people feel so bad that they sob really hard.

My heart also opened to see how people can get treated really badly. People can get forced to do chores or something different, but get so little in return. They might not get to eat a lot, or they might not have a bed to sleep on. That kind of unfair treatment in your story is just what opened my heart. I think that everybody should be treated with housewarming respect. Especially when a kid or someone gets abandoned, or left on the street, or even worse, sent somewhere to return to nothing, or to find no one you know. I personally think that it's wrong and people shouldn't do it. Plus, it makes the other person feel more miserable than ever. I can't believe there are people around the world that do that to people. Not necessarily in the United States, but maybe in Europe, Asia, England, or China.

Want to know what I can't stand? I can't stand to see homeless people wandering the streets. Want to know why? It's because whenever I see a person or a group of people begging for food or money, my heart just melts like butter on a hot summer day. Sad feelings come over me sometimes because of the looks on their faces and the looks of their tattered clothes, which sometimes look as if they were just attacked by wolves' foamy mouths! Of course, if you don't truly know the person, you have to be careful! They could just want money. They could be a fake! There's another thing I don't understand. Why do people tear their clothes on purpose and then try to get money. When they could be a millionaire or even a billionaire! Then the people that really need the money or food get mistaken for the rich snobs. By that, what I'm trying to say is that they get nothing at all!!!

Again I want to thank you for writing a book so strong and meaningful. I really LOVED your book. Plus, out of all the books I've read, none have been as strong as Homeless Bird. Right now whenever someone asks me what a good book is, I tell them about your book. I hope that this letter or essay has explained how your book has opened my eyes to the world.

The person who loves your book,

*Haylie R. Roberts*